Sl. No.	Name of the States	Funds sanctioned/ released during 2006-07	Fund sanctioned/ released during 2007-08
1	Arupachal Pradesh	43.71	36.72
2	Assam	121.14	64.84
3	Manipur	20.33	23.40
4	Meghalaya	57.40	43.68
5	Mizoram	40.61	30.67
6	Nagaland	39.33	37.88
7-	Sikkim	26.73	34.07
8	Tripura	36.25	34.16
	TOTAL:	385.50	305.42

NLCPR Fund

2196. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of NEC fund and NLCPR fund sanctioned to different States of the North-Eastern Region during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) the amount of these two funds sanctioned to States, but not disbursed as yet, (State-wise break up); and

(c) the reasons for not disbursing the sanctioned amounts?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Under NLCPR and NEC, funds are sanctioned and released against the sanctioned projects in installments. The State-wise break up of funds sanctioned and released to the different States of North-Eastern Region during years 2006-07 and 2007-08 under NLCPR and NEC schemes is given in Statement I and II. *(See* below). All these funds are released to the State Government for implementation of the sanctioned projects.*Statement-I*

Funds sanctioned and released against the projects sanctioned under NLCPR during tht years 2006-07 *and* 2007-08 *to the NE States (As on* 29.02.2008J

Sl. Mo.	Name of the States	Funds released during 2006-07	Fund released during 2007-08 (upto Feb,' 08)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	46.08	77.58
2	Assam	231.04	107.20
3	Manipur	96.02	58.53
4	Meghalaya	38.58	46.85
5	Mizoram	56.46	27.45
6	Nagaland	73.47	61.07
7	Sikkim	59.36	38.17
8	Tripura	98.99	89.39
	TOTAL:	700.00	506.24

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Funds sanctioned and released against the projects sanctioned under NEC during the years 2006-07 *and* 2007-08 *to the NE States (As on* 29.02.2008;

Sl. No.	Name of the States	Funds sanctioned/ released during 2006-07	Fund sanctioned/ released during 2007-08
1	Arupachal Pradesh	43.71	36.72
2	Assam	121.14	64.84
3	Manipur	20.33	23.40
4	Meghalaya	57.40	43.68
5	Mizoram	40.61	30.67
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	TOTAL:	385.50	305.42

Tigers in Jharkhand

†2197. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of tigers in the country has come down to 1411 only in year 2006 in comparison to 3642 in the year 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action being taken in this regard;

(d) whether the number of tigers has been ascertained In Jharkhand;

(e) if so, the number thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The total country-level population of tiger is 1411 (mid value); the lower and upper limits are 1165 and 1657 respectively. The recent assessment of tiger population is based on determining spatial occupancy of tigers throughout potential tiger forests and sampling such forests using camera traps in a statistical framework. This assessment is not comparable to the earlier total count using pugmarks owing to several shortcoming in the latter. The new findings indicate a poor status of tigher population in areastwtside tiger reserves and protected areas. The tiger population, by and large, in tiger reserves and protected areas of such States are viable, while requiring ongoing conservation efforts. The initiatives taken by Government of India towards tiger conservation are given in the Statement *(See* below).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.